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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4766

AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA PRIORITY

AMCONSUL DOUALA POUCH

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AMEMBASSY BANGUI

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AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L YAOUNDE 1057

KINSHASA FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, CD

SUBJ: EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR CHAD

REF: (A) NDJAMENA 748 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 50905

1. SUMMARY: DUE TO CONSISTENTLY TIGHT HOTEL ACCOMMO-  
DATIONS IN DOUALA, DEPARTMENT AND NDJAMENA ARE URGED TO  
RECONSIDER USING DOUALA AS PRIMARY SAFEHAVEN. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE 300 OR SO HOTEL ROOMS IN DOUALA CONSISTENTLY RUN  
AN OCCUPANCY RATE OVER 95 PERCENT. NO IMMEDIATE RELIEF IS IN  
SIGHT, A 300-ROOM HOTEL IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION BUT WILL  
NOT OPEN UNTIL LATE 1978 AT EARLIEST. DOUALA WOULD HAVE  
DIFFICULT HANDLING AS MANY AS 25 EVACUEES EVEN FOR  
SHORT PERIODS. NEARBY VICTORIA AND BUEA COULD ACCOMMODATE UP TO

100.

3. YAOUNDE ENJOYS MUCH BETTER HOTEL SITUATION AND COULD GENERALLY PLAN ON HOUSING 200-250 ON SHORT NOTICE FOR EXTENDED PERIODS WITHOUT MUCH DIFFICULTY. FIGURE COULD BE INCREASED BY 100 BY USING PRIVATE RESIDENCES.

4. HOWEVER, YAOUNDE'S MAJOR DRAWBACK AS SAFEHAVEN IS THE INABILITY OF LARGE COMMERCIAL JETS TO LAND ON THE SHORT (2000 METER) RUNWAY. 707'S, DC-8'S AND UP CAN'T MAKE IT.

5. EVACUEES ARRIVING OVERLAND OR BY PLANE, EVEN IF TRANSFERRING TO SMALLER PLANE IN DOUALA FOR TRIP TO YAOUNDE, COULD BE EASILY HANDLED FOR INDEFINITE PERIODS.

6. DEPENDING ON EVACUEES OF OTHER NATIONALITIES, THERE NUMBER WELL KNOWN LOCATIONS IN CAMEROON WITHIN FIVE HOUR DRIVE OF NDJAMENA/KOUSSERI FERRY WHICH TOGETHER COULD ACCOMODATE SEVERAL HUNDRED.

7. PLEASE ADVISE INTENTIONS.  
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